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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2172

PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For:

THE ARCHITECTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A DYNAMIC RMI SERVER

CONFIGURATION HIERARCHY TO SUPPORT FEDERATED SEARCH AND

UPDATE ACROSS HETEROGENEOUS DATASTORES

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ATTN: BOX AF

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

## Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method for searching for data in one or more heterogeneous data

sources within a computer system, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for data at a federated data source; and

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